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FOUR CANDIDATES AND PAC ASSESSED CIVIL PENALTIES

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Earl Tilly, found four candidates and one political committee in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Monday in Olympia.

Tilly found **Judy Scott**, candidate for Port Commissioner in the Port of Allyn in 2003, to have violated state law for exceeding Mini Reporting limits by making expenditures in excess of the \$3,500 limitation. Ms. Scott's total contributions and expenditures for her campaign were \$6,185, or \$2,685 over the limits imposed by Mini Reporting. Scott was assessed a civil penalty of \$250 with \$150 suspended. The suspension of the civil penalty was dependent upon no future violations of the Disclosure Act by Scott for two years.

Tilly found **Robert McConkey**, candidate for City Council Member in the City of Bremerton, to have violated state law by failing to timely file a C-1 Candidate Registration and F-1 Statement of Personal Financial Affairs within two weeks of becoming a candidate in 2003. McConkey was assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$150 suspended.

The Commission Chair found **Jeffrey Turner**, candidate for School Director in the Dayton School District 002 in the 2003 election, to have violated state law by failing to timely file an F-1 Statement of Personal Financial Affairs within two weeks of becoming a candidate. Turner was assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with the entire amount suspended if no future violations occur during the next two years.

Steven Towers, candidate for Fire Commissioner in Snohomish County Fire District #4, was found in violation of state law for exceeding Mini Reporting limits by accepting contributions in excess of the \$3,500 limitation. Towers also failed to properly seek a change to the Full Reporting option prior to exceeding the limits of the Mini Reporting option. He was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Thurston Citizens for a Better Community were found to be in violation of state law for failure to report debts, obligations and orders placed for political advertising presented to voters in the City of Olympia prior to the November 2003 general election. The committee failed to report an obligation of \$4,952 for a conference center mailing. Tilly imposed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended provided there are no future disclosure law violations during a two-year period.

The chair dismissed the allegations against **Friends For Steve Hammond Campaign** for failure to report an in-kind contribution of \$810 for payment of legal services allegedly provided to the Hammond campaign. Steve Hammond was a candidate for King County Council in 2003.

Candidates found in violation of the public disclosure law at the Brief Enforcement Hearings may ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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